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Program News

Kidder Smith

Last year I wrote you about the completion of our original plans for the Asian Studies Program – how our newly awarded position in advanced Chinese language and culture gives us an essential, missing piece for Chinese Studies, supporting language work into the senior year and offering courses in a wide variety of areas. The creation of that position was one of President Edwards’ final acts before his retirement. Last fall we searched intensively to fill it, and I’m delighted to announce that Cui Shuqin has taken that position with us. Professor Cui comes to us from teaching at Southern Methodist University and will offer courses in film and women’s studies as well as modern Chinese literature and language. We’re very fortunate to have found her. Note: she’s no discernable relative of Cui Songren, who teaches our introductory and intermediate Chinese language classes!

And just when we thought the Program was complete, we learned that the Freeman Foundation had awarded us money for the establishment of a new, tenure-track position in Asian art history. Clif Olds, who has taught a popular East Asian art course, is retiring, and this new faculty position will allow us to continue his work in a permanent way.

The new position is part of the \$1.6 million grant from Freeman – extraordinarily generous of them. That grant will also support the on-going

program in undergraduate grants for summer study in Asia. As well, it will underwrite an annual course in Korean studies, bring performing groups to campus, help us with an Asian-American advisor position, and add books to the library.

After three very successful years here, Ayumi Nagatomi has accepted an offer from MIT, so we are losing her to Cambridge. Thank you for your wonderful contributions, Ayumi. We have hired a terrific language teacher, Natsu Sato, to take on the work here. She will be teaching first-, second- and third-year Japanese. Natsu comes to us from Hamilton College with unusually strong background, imagination and teaching skills.

Shen Rui will be staying on for one more year, replacing Cui Songren, who is on leave. She has been a wonderful presence this year. We’ll also be joined this fall by Purnima Dhavan, who will be teaching courses on South Asian history.

This issue of the “Asian Studies Newsletter” is dedicated to Suzanne Astolfi, whose triumph over breast cancer we wish to celebrate.

Faculty News

Tom Conlan has had a very productive and enjoyable year in Japan, collecting research materials and sources to enhance his classes. His translation of the scrolls of the Mongol Invasions of Japan (*In Little Need of Divine Intervention*) was published by the Cornell East Asia Series this past September, and his next monograph, *State of War: The Violent Order of Fourteenth Century Japan*, is scheduled to come out this January. His new research project, about imperial legitimacy in fourteenth-century Japan, is coming along nicely. Tom and his wife, Yuko, became parents to a wonderfully cute 7 lb. 13.6 oz. son, George (Joji) Conlan, on October 10, and are sleep-deprived, but happy.

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Songren Cui will be on sabbatical in 2002-2003, after three years of busy and strenuous teaching. In addition to writing several articles based on his previous research, he will be working on a project that will hopefully lead to the publication of a reference book of *Pedagogical Grammar of Chinese*.

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Sara Dickey is continuing her research on class identities in urban India. Most recently, she published a piece called "Anjali's Prospects: Class Mobility in Urban India" in an undergraduate reader titled Everyday Life in South Asia. Last February she presented a seminar on class and caste in South India at the University of Chicago. This work is now under revision as an article, "Conceptualizing Inequality: Class and Its Relevance in Urban South India," which counters other scholars' arguments that class is insignificant as a form of hierarchy or identity in India.

In the spring she will teach a new course on South Asia, "Activist Voices in India," which uses film, essays, and fiction to examine activism around religious conflict, gender inequalities, gay and lesbian identities, and environmental issues in contemporary India. We are hoping to bring some of the filmmakers and writers highlighted in the course to campus.

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Lance Guo currently teaches government and Asian Studies courses. Before joining Bowdoin in January 2001, he was a research fellow at the East Asian Institute of the National University of Singapore (1998-2000) and at the Asian Research Center in Perth, Australia (1996-1998). He has a Ph.D. in political science, an M.A. in sociology and a B.A. in literature, and his teaching and research interests are

diverse and interdisciplinary, straddling comparative politics, international relations, political sociology, and political economy. His book, *Market Communism: The Institutional Foundations of China's Post-Mao Hyper-Growth* is published by Oxford University Press, and his articles have appeared in numerous journals and edited books and are translated into other languages. Currently he is working on a number of projects in collaboration with organizations and scholars in and outside China. In addition to the investment behavior of bureaucratic entrepreneurs, he also researches on the evolution of the Chinese Communist Party in the past 10 years, when market-oriented reforms have fundamentally changed the incentive structure, mechanisms of stratification, class relations, and value orientations in the Chinese society. While continuing the project on the market development, his research on the evolving state-market relations in China has turned to focus on the role of the State Development Planning Commission and State Price Bureau in China's proposed "socialist market economy." At Bowdoin he teaches courses on Chinese Politics, Chinese Foreign Policy, International Relations in East Asia, International Political Economy, Politics in Southeast Asia, advanced seminars on topics in Chinese politics and political economy of development.

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John Holt continues to chair the Department of Religion and teach courses on Buddhism, Hinduism, and theories about religion. He has just completed a book on the Buddhist transformation of Visnu to be published next year. The University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka is awarding him an honorary Doctor of Literature degree in December in recognition of his contributions to Sri Lankan Studies.

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Henry Laurence taught a 200-level class and a senior seminar in Japanese Politics, and introduced two new courses: Human Rights and Democracy in East Asia, and Global Media and Politics. The last allowed him to teach about his current research on media and politics, and the differences in TV news around the world. The Human Rights course drew inspiration from his work last year with lawyers and human rights groups representing the "Comfort Women" (survivors of the institution of sex slavery practiced by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War 2). Around 160 students took these classes, so he's happy to report that East Asia remains a popular place to study!

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Takeyoshi Nishiuchi has been continuing his study on Zen aesthetics. He traveled to Germany and Japan to give lectures and conduct research on minimalist architectonics funded, in part, by the Freeman Foundation.

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Clifton Olds has started starting his "phased retirement" this year, teaching only in the spring terms of 2003 and 2004. Because he won't be teaching in the fall, he plans to spend some time in Kyoto, taking part in an intensive two-week seminar on Japanese gardens. He will stay on after the seminar ends to do some photography in preparation for expanding and updating his website on the historic gardens of Kyoto and its environs.

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Nancy Riley will be in Hawai'i on sabbatical for the 2002-03 academic year, where she will spend most of her time writing a book based on her research in Dalian, on women factory workers and their family lives. She is also planning to write something on China's population for the Population Reference Bureau.

She took another group of students to Asia after the spring semester ended. This year the group went to Tokyo, Dalian, Beijing, Kunming, Lijiang and Hong Kong for five weeks of travel and study. It's likely she will be able to do another trip sometime after she gets back from her sabbatical.

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Rui Shen came to Bowdoin College from the University of Oregon last August. Besides teaching the courses "Contemporary Chinese Cinema," "The Self and Modernity in 20th Century China," and "Advanced Chinese," she has been working on her dissertation *New Woman, New Fiction, Autobiographical Novels by 20th Century Chinese Women*, which will be finished soon.

She also presented two papers. The paper "The Daughter of The Party: The Communist New Woman in the Novel and Film *Song of Youth*" was presented at the New England Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference at

Williams College in October 2001. And the other paper "Female Heroes (*nü haojie*): The New Woman in Late Qing

Intellectual and Literary Discourse" was delivered at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in April 2002.

Her article "The View of the Other: Two Works on Modern Chinese Literature From a Feminist Perspective" was published in the journal *The Twenty-First Century* (bi-monthly) by The Institute of Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Issue 2, 2002. p. 142-148. (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ics/21c/index2.htm>). Her series of articles with the general title of *Reading Feminist Classics* is planned to be published periodically in *Chinese Women's News* (*Zhongguo funü bao*, Beijing). So far six articles were published:

Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique* (1963), July 30, 2001.

Kate Millett, *The Sexual Politic* (1970), September 10, 2001.

Juliet Mitchell, *Woman's Estate* (1971), September 24, 2001.

Shulamith Firestone, *The Dialectic of Sex* (1970), October 8, 2001.

Sherry Ortner, *Is Woman to Men as Nature to Culture* (1974), December 10, 2001.

Susan Browmiller, *Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape* (1975), December 24, 2001.

The series attempts to introduce Western feminist theoretical works to Chinese readers and contextualize these important books or articles within Chinese social reality. These articles are also published as a scholarly column by Beijing University web journal: <http://xueshu.newyouth.beida-online.com>. The series plans to discuss 50 feminist books and articles.

She also published four poems and four literary essays last year. This year she has remained at Bowdoin to teach first and second year Chinese language.

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Kidder Smith took the summer off for a change. An article of his on the origins of Daoism will be published in *The Journal of Asian Studies* in February 2003. He's teaching new courses on shamanism and Chinese poetry this spring.

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Alumni/ae Notes

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Asian Studies Coordinator

CLASS OF 1986

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“After 3 1/2 years in Bosnia-Herzegovina, most of which as head of office for various Catholic Relief Services field offices there, I’ve now moved on and am Country Representative for CRS in Abuja, Nigeria. Abuja is the new capital, inaugurated about 10 years ago to replace Lagos. I was ready to return to Africa and felt that the needs and the challenges of Nigeria were huge, so there I am. The program is still very new, CRS having returned to Nigeria in 2000 after a 30-year absence. My task is to build the program and expand it. Should be fun.”

CLASS OF 1989

Adrienne Cardella Cook
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“I walked in the Washington, D.C. Avon Breast Cancer 3-day walk in May. We walked 20 miles each day from Baltimore to Washington for a total of 60 miles. I was able to raise \$3,800 and, with my mother (who also walked), raised a total of over \$10,000. The walk gave \$6.75 million to breast cancer and was only one of 13 scheduled walks this year and 18 next year!

“Our other big news is a new house. We just signed a contract to build. We love the neighborhood and can’t wait to move in... approximately September.

I’m working 1 – 2 days a week as our veterinary hospital continues to grow and I’m also still home with Alice. She’s 3 1/2 now and will start pre-school in the fall.”

Ed Murphy
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“We write with the joyful news of Ben's birth. Benjamin Derris Murphy was born on Saturday, 8 September 2001 at 8:26 p.m. (6 lbs, 12 oz, 20 inches, for those of you scoring at home). We're all thriving and reveling in our new family life.”

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“The newest addition to the family, Alejandro Sebastian Ruiz, was born on February 9, 7 lbs. 9 oz., and our house feels very small!! Sister Natalia will be sharing a room with him very soon.”

Chris Yager
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“In 1993 I started a company, Where There Be Dragons, with the intention of providing honest, rugged and educational learning adventures to small groups of high school students. Over the past ten years we've explored most parts of developing Asia, having run six-week trips to China, Thailand, Nepal, Laos, Vietnam, Tibet, India, Bhutan and Mongolia. Folks within the Bowdoin Asian Studies community have been fantastic resources, having referred a number of Bowdoin grads to guide with us. We recently began running China, India and Himalayan Studies semester programs for students taking time off between high school and college. Most of our guides are graduate students, teachers or development professionals, and if there are any Bowdoin grads looking for seasonal work, please call!”

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“I stopped working at the Museum late last summer and had a baby. Currently I am thoroughly enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Madeleine Mary was born on October 18.”

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“I am presently in Michigan, being an academic. I will be here for two years with a NIH clinical research fellowship in Complementary and Alternative Medicine regarding cardiac disease. I will soon start as a principal investigator role in a study looking at the effect of meditation on the recovery of patients with coronary disease. In addition, I am studying in the school of public health and working towards a masters in social epidemiology. Somehow the thought of political philosophy, theories of ideal societies from a multicultural perspective fits.”

CLASS OF 1991

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“I am still waist deep in the *Shih chi*, and our translation is coming along. A new volume just came out, and there are at least three more being worked on. Still an assistant editor for CLEAR. I will be a T.A. this fall: Chinese History 336, 1400 B.C. to 598 A.D. Passed my M.A. exam, so now officially in Ph.D. program. Biggest news is William Thomas Ohkerrmann came to us on March 7, 2002. He’s truly a sweetheart.”

CLASS OF 1992

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“My wife Emily Lentz Hollis ('92) and I are thoroughly enjoying life with our 17-month-old, Bram, and excited (although a bit nervous) at the prospect of adding another child to the family this coming September. On the work front, I continue to serve as the Attorney-Adviser for Treaty Affairs at the U.S. State Department where I'm charged with coordinating and reviewing all of the United States' treaties. Of late, that has meant working on a variety of agreements related to prosecuting our war on terrorism. Emily is the Curator of Education at the Octagon Museum which, in addition to being the museum of the American Architectural Foundation, is also the house in which the Madisons lived after the British burned the White House down during the War of 1812. We're coming up for our 10th reunion this year and hopefully we'll have a chance to stop by and see how the Asian Studies Department is doing.”

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“I've now been 6 years in Hong Kong, as well as working stints in Tokyo & Jakarta since graduation. I've been working for ABN Amro for two years, trading Asia ex-Japan equities and travelling as much as possible in the region. Last fall I married Andrew Watt and we look forward to several more years here.”

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“Rita and I have moved to San Francisco.”

CLASS OF 1993

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“With a few partners, I have started an IT services company called Silk Road Technologies in Hangzhou. We provide Internet Data Center services with customers that include: Digital Island, Disney, Yahoo, MSN, Microsoft, Zhejiang MII, ... From a personal standpoint, we already have one child and one more on the way – due in July.”

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“The last two years have been a whirlwind for me. I started the joint degree program at Tuck (Dartmouth)/Fletcher (Tufts) in the Fall of 1999, and I’ll graduate in the Spring of 2002. I completed my MBA at Tuck this past June, and I still have one more year of school at Fletcher to earn my Masters in Law & Diplomacy.”

CLASS OF 1994

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“I am pursuing my MBA in health care at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. Heller is an intensive 15-month program with a curriculum that focuses on policy and management within the health and human services sector. Graduate school has been challenging and interesting so far. I will graduate in August 2002, and plan to look for a position at a health policy think tank in either California or Washington, D.C., hopefully working on Medicare policy.”

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“I just started at Sirius Radio as a database reporting analyst for their subscription management system. It’s a digital radio company with three satellites in an elliptical orbit over North and South America. Check it out at <http://www.sirius.com>. I will occasionally be travelling to Richmond, VA where the datacenter is located (can’t stay away from that state), but the main office will be in Manhattan between 48th and 49th on 6th Avenue.”

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“I am currently working as a development consultant for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Emerging Markets in Washington, DC. ”

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“I started my last year at HBS after taking a two-year hiatus in Singapore where I was doing the dot-com thing. Just spent the summer at Microsoft in Seattle – what a great town!”

CLASS OF 1997

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“I just wanted to let everyone know that I'm enjoying my third year in medical school and am looking forward to my fourth year where I will be able to do some of my rotations closer to the Northeast, where I hope to do my residency. I am thinking about a subspeciality in Pediatrics, but will see. I enjoyed my time with Plastic/Reconstructive surgery a lot too. I am looking forward to my 5th year Bowdoin reunion, and hope to see many alums then.”

CLASS OF 1998

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“I’m now in my second year at NYU Law and I’m having a great time. I found a law firm willing to send me to Tokyo for half the upcoming summer – I’ll be working for Cleary Gottlieb and working out of the Kasumigaseki area (so it will probably be hard to find decent places to eat lunch). I’m looking forward to the opportunity to work on my language skills and live in Tokyo again while I have the chance, even though the work is unlikely to be fantastically interesting. I’ll be clerking in NY for the next couple of years after law school so this is the last chance to live abroad for a while. I plan on doing some exploring afterwards, perhaps Vietnam or China.”

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“I’m living in Portland, Oregon where I thoroughly enjoy the city’s bikeability and the nearby skiing and hiking options. I work at Mercy Corps, an international relief and development organization, www.mercycorps.org, where my role is to promote civil society in our programs. I encourage Asian Studies students and alumni to check out Mercy Corps and contact me if they have any questions about internships, employment, collaboration, donations, or are just curious. Mercy Corps works all over Asia, all the Central Asian republics, Russian Far East, North Korea, China, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, etc.”

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“I received a full tuition and scholarship from Harvard to begin this fall. It has a much bigger department than UPenn and Yale have, and there are more people at Harvard who work on issues related to modern China, which is more in line with my interests.”

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“Since graduating in 1999, I have matriculated to Emory University, in Atlanta, where I now pursue a Master’s degree in Theological Studies. Specifically, I study three topics, often at the same time: the Sociology of Religion, Religion & Modernity, and Buddhism in America (especially the Sri Lankan Theravada Buddhist communities of Atlanta). I’d be happy to chat about anything Atlanta or Emory related at dfeinbe@emory.edu.”

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“I have decided to stay in Boston, and work for Massachusetts’ Division of Medical Assistance (DMA). DMA is the state agency responsible for administering and managing Massachusetts’ Medicaid program. Within DMA, I will be working in the budget department as a Forecasting Analyst. My primary responsibilities will be to predict and identify trends in Medicaid enrollment as well as monitor changes in the state-wide case load.”

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“I’m still working as an insurance executive recruiter for Stewart Search Advisors, and am enjoying using my Mandarin skills with the approximately 15% of our clientele who are Chinese-speakers. I was married last May to Linda Li, who is a financial analyst for a pharmaceutical consulting firm in Massachusetts. I’d like to wish everyone a prosperous Year of the Horse!”

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“In December 2002, I will finish my joint degree in law and East Asian Studies from Washington University. In the meantime, I will spend the summer working in the New York office of Davis, Polk & Wardwell.”

CLASS OF 1999

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“I can’t bring myself to leave the sour-milk teat of Chinese government bureaucracy.”

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“In September 2001, all Peace Corps Volunteers were pulled from Bangladesh. This was due to a combination of factors – the most urgent being the national elections as well as the events and repercussions of September 11. To insure our safety, as well as allow time to make a prudent decision, we were relocated temporarily to Thailand. After about a month, during which time several incidents involving anti-US riots and protests as well as violence towards foreigners occurred in Bangladesh, the Washington, D.C., Peace Corps decided to suspend the program, at least temporarily. This involves the completion of contract for all current volunteers, so we all returned to the U.S.”

CLASS OF 2001

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“I am off to Nepal. The plan is to spend the next nine months up in the hills with the same family as on my previous trips. This time I will learn a new language, the local Gurung dialect, and I aim to document their oral histories as told by the now old and passing grandfathers and grandmothers who still recite them in their native tongue, before it is too late.”

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“I gained a teaching position at a good elementary school here in Denver. The school itself is on a charter contract, and hence is somewhat independent from the public system. The class sizes are small, the teachers work together closely. The curriculum is more progressive and, I think, more workable than that of the average grade school.”

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“I am back from China a little early, but it has been wonderful to be home.”

Kidder has asked I write something about myself. As you have read under Program News, I’m the reason our ‘spring’ newsletter has become the ‘fall’ newsletter. I was diagnosed with breast cancer this past May and took a good portion of the summer off while undergoing radiation treatment. I actually hesitated about Kidder putting in that paragraph, but realized that some of you may be going through something like this with a friend or family member, and that perhaps I could be of some assistance in dealing with all the physical and emotional issues that arise from such a shocking diagnosis. Please feel free to contact me at any time at sastolfi@bowdoin.edu or (207) 725-3046. I feel so fortunate to be working with such a wonderfully supportive and loving group of people that are here in Asian Studies.

Thanks for your patience,

Suzanne Astolfi
Asian Studies Coordinator

Announcements about Current Majors

Amanda Rose Karlin received honors for her project entitled “AIDS in China: A Cultural Study.” Amanda’s project addressed the social assumptions about disease and sexuality that have hindered China’s response to its growing AIDS crisis.

Special Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to Rafael C. Baeza ’90, Richard B. Lyman, Jr. ’57, Robert M. Sargent ’58, and Mark S. Tannenbaum ’88 for their generous support of the Asian Studies Program. Their gifts will allow us to do many things but most especially bring speakers to our classes and thereby enliven our teaching. Thank you!

Bowdoin Receives Freeman Foundation Grant in Support of Asian Studies

– a press release from the College’s Office of Information

Bowdoin has received a \$1.65 million grant from the Freeman Foundation of Vermont in support of Asian Studies. The College will use the money to expand and deepen its Asian Studies Program, which was launched at the College in 1987.

"Whether a student takes only one Asian art history course, or uses a grant from the Freeman gift to do a summer's research in China, all those with an interest in East Asia can find an appropriate level of connection," said Kidder Smith, professor of history and director of the Asian Studies Program.

The grant will be used toward the creation of an Asian art history faculty position, faculty and student travel fellowships to Asia, faculty-led traveling summer seminars to Asia for students, an Asian student advisor, faculty colloquia, Asian performing arts events, and other activities.

"While Asian studies majors are at the heart of the Freeman gift, in fact everyone who studies East Asia will be provided with further access to those cultures," said Smith. "Whatever one's level of interest in East Asia might be, the Freeman money will provide a means of deepening it."

Students in Bowdoin’s Asian Studies Program focus on the cultural traditions of China, Japan, or South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Bangladesh).

Asian Studies majors gain a general understanding of one of these cultural areas, acquire a working proficiency in one of the languages of South or East Asia, develop a theoretical or methodological sophistication, and demonstrate a degree of applied specialization. Foreign study for students is highly recommended, and various established programs are available.

Travel to Asia is very expensive. A previous Freeman grant paid for nine students and a faculty member to spend five weeks in China and Vietnam to experience firsthand some of the issues studied during the regular semester at Bowdoin. A second group will make the same trip in June.

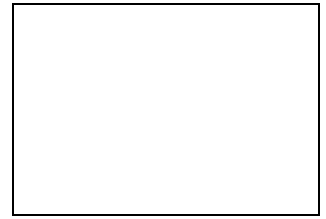
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